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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Intelligence Law Division
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FROM:

Legislation Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Report on Conyers' Telecommunication Bill,
H.R. 5873

1. Attached for your information is the report of the House Judiciary Committee on H.R. 5873, Congressman Conyers' bill to forbid the recording by Federal officers and employees of telephone conversations without the consent of all parties to such conversation. Also attached for your information is the bill as reported from House Judiciary.

2. H.R. 5873 still contains the exemption for individuals "engaged in foreign intelligence or counterintelligence work." The report on this bill indicates that the Judiciary Committee believes that this exemption extends only to activities undertaken pursuant to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. See H.R. Rep. No. 905, 98th Cong., 2d Sess. 5 (1984) (attached).

3. H.R. 5873 is presently pending before the House Rules Committee, where it will have to obtain a rule before it can be considered on the floor of the House. It is rumored that Congressman Brooks is seeking to influence the rule to permit him to propose sections of his telecommunications bill, H.R. 4620, as floor amendments to H.R. 5873. This complication, together with the press of other business, makes it improbable that H.R. 5873 will emerge from the Rules Committee before the end of the 98th Congress. Nonetheless, our office will continue to monitor the progress of this bill.

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